

Innovation Matters: Funding Opportunities, Publications, Events and Learning

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Bi-weekly list of funding and learning opportunities in rural America

Spotlight Announcement

[Community Facilities Guidebook for Applicants](#)

USDA Rural Development released a new guidebook to help applicants apply for a [Community Facilities \(CF\) Direct Loan Program](#). This guide outlines the application process, financial feasibility requirements, construction and closing of an essential community facility for small towns and rural areas. [Training Webinar for Stakeholders](#)

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Rural Infrastructure

[Grants for Transportation of Veterans in Highly Rural Areas](#)

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs invests to support transportation programs in counties with fewer than seven people per square mile. [Specific requirements apply](#). **Application Deadline: October 31, 2019**

[Rural Energy for America Program \(REAP\)](#)

USDA Rural Development offers [REAP funding](#) to support agricultural producers and rural small businesses to reduce energy costs and consumption with by purchasing and installing renewable energy systems and making energy efficiency improvements in their operations. **Application Deadlines: Grants - Oct 31 & March 31, 2020. Loan Guarantees: Accepted year-round**

[FY 2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental](#)

U.S. Economic Development Administration assistance helps communities/regions devise and implement long-term economic recovery strategies. **Application Deadline: Ongoing**

[Economic Development Assistance Programs](#)

U.S. Economic Development Administration solicits applications from applicants in rural areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and EAA programs. **Application Deadline: Ongoing basis until the publication of a new EDAP NOFO.**

Economic Development

Minority Education, Workforce, And Training Program

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) workforce improvement program helps public and private organizations collaborate to increase access for underserved and rural communities in STEM and energy fields. **Application Deadline: October 7, 2019**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Pioneering Ideas

Support to explore trends for healthy living in America and apply the findings to improve conditions in work, life and play. **Application Deadline: October 15, 2019**

Small Business Innovation Research Program - Phase I

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture offers funding for projects that should prove the scientific or technical feasibility of the approach or concept with agriculturally related manufacturing and alternative/renewable energy projects are encouraged. **Application Deadline: October 23, 2019**

Rural Health Network Development Program

Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration program offers funding to improve access and quality of health care in rural areas through network collaboration, adapting an evidence-based service model, and promoting sustainability of rural health networks through the creation of diverse products and services. **Application Deadline: November 25, 2019**

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service invites potential partners to propose RCPP projects where NRCS and partners co-invest in impactful and innovative solutions to on-farm, watershed, and regional natural resource concerns where proposed projects must generate conservation benefits by addressing specific natural resource objectives in a State/multistate area or address one or more primary resource concerns within an NRCS-designated critical conservation area (CCA). [Apply.](#)

Application Deadline: December 3, 2019

Tribal-Specific

Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator Program

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development provides grants to fund Service Coordinators to assist residents of public and Indian housing in making progress towards economic self-sufficiency, including the provision of job training, employment, adult education, housing, and health resources.

Application Deadline: October 15, 2019

Office of Tribal Self-Governance Planning Cooperative Agreement

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service funding provides resources to Tribes interested in entering the Tribal Self-Governance Program and to existing Self-Governance Tribes interested in assuming new or expanded programs, services, functions, and activities.

Application Deadline: October 23, 2019

Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services Program

Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services grants support Indian tribes and organizations with museum services. [NOFO](#). **Application Deadline: November 15, 2019**

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Native American Congressional Internship

Morris K Udall and Stewart L Udall Foundation offers a summer internship for Native American and Alaska Native students who wish to learn more about the federal government and issues affecting Indian country. **Application Deadline: January 31, 2020**

Publications

Expanding Broadband Service in Rural Areas

TribalNet Magazine

USDA encourages tribal communities to learn more about the ReConnect Program to determine how it can help address broadband infrastructure needs.

Can Philanthropy Become a True Partner in Indian Country?

Non Profit Quarterly

Nonprofit Quarterly publishes a comprehensive piece that highlights various sources on the giving patterns of Philanthropic entities, and data supporting giving patterns, for the Tribal communities.

2019 State of the Workforce Report

National Association of State Workforce Agencies

Report highlights innovations to serve the workforce with the latest key labor market information, workforce agency profile and "State Innovations" to further support their local labor force.

Event Opportunities

Rural Workforce Development Southern Region Summit

October 2 – 4, 2019 | Morrilton, Arkansas

A convening for rural partners to share solutions to complex issues, identify available resources, and increase access to workforce opportunities in the southern region. Co-hosted by Winthrop Rockefeller Institute at the University of Arkansas and the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton.

Be a Change Agent! How to Improve Employment Motivation in the Hard-to-Employ

October 8 | Free Webinar

National Association of Workforce Development Professionals offers free motivation labor centered workshop.

Sustainable Tourism & Outdoor Recreation Conference

October 8–11, 2019 | Astoria, Oregon

Conference designed to enhance sustainable tourism development nationally by providing relevant research, training, resources and networking opportunities in tourism and recreation marketing, management and development.

Rural Homecoming

October 18 - 20 | Various Locations

This fall, communities will come together to celebrate and give current and former residents a reason to reconnect with their hometown and the innovation and unique attributes that make their community

so special. Rural Homecoming was developed by the Rural Community Assistance Partnership (RCAP) in partnership with the LOR Foundation, and today the organizations are launching the program by inviting any rural community across the country to participate, free of charge. [Sign up.](#)

National SBIR Road Tour Schedule 2019

November 13–15 | Miami, Florida and Puerto Rico

SBA Road Tour connecting entrepreneurs working on advanced technology to the country's largest source of early stage funding with a focus on next generation research & development led by the SBA with 11 participating federal agencies.

National Rural Economic Developers Association Annual Conference

November 6-8, 2019 | Kansas City, Missouri

Conference features discussions relating to the advancement of rural development and the achievement of social and human service objectives in rural areas.

Newsletters, websites and emails from which we gather this information include:

- USDA Rural Development's full [Catalog of Programs](#)
 - [Grants.gov](#)
 - Foundation Center
 - The Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research
 - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
 - e2 Entrepreneurial Ecosystems
 - Pew Research Center
 - Philanthropy News Digest
 - Rural LISC e-newsletter
 - National Association for Development Organization
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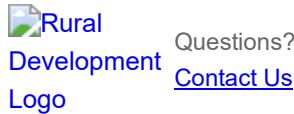
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